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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A μ -oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound represented by the following formula I:

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wherein M1 represents a metal atom which is able to have a valence of up to three, excepting indium, M2 represents a metal atom which is able to have a valence of four, R represents each independently one or more substituent groups and/or substituent atoms, (A^{m-}) represents a counteranion A having a valence of m, n/m represents the number of the counteranion, n represents an integer selected from 0 or 1 to 3 corresponding to a valence of M2, and m represents 1 or 2.

- 2. (Original) The μ -oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to Claim 1, wherein the M1 is selected form the group consisting of a metal atom of the 3A group and 3B group on the periodic table.
- 3. (Original) The μ -oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to Claim 1, wherein the M1 is selected form the group consisting of scandium, yttrium, aluminum, gallium, indium and thallium.

4. (Original) The u-oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to

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Claim 1, wherein the M1 is gallium or aluminum.

5. (Original) The μ-oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to any

one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the M2 is selected form the group consisting of a metal atom of the

4A to 7A groups, the 8 group and the 4B to 6B groups on the periodic table.

6. (Original) The μ-oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to any

one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the M2 is selected form the group consisting of titanium,

vanadium and molybdenum.

7. (Original) The μ -oxo bridged heterometal phthalocyanine compound according to any

one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the M2 is titanium.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing the μ-oxo bridged heterometal

phthalocyanine compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 7 Claim 1, comprising the step

of:

reacting a phthalocyanine having a halometal (III) as a central metal thereof with a

phthalocyanine having an oxymetal(IV) as a central metal thereof in equimolar amount.

9. (Original) The method according to Claim 8, wherein the phthalocyanine having a

halometal (III) represents the following formula:

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wherein M1 represents a metal atom which is able to have a valence of up to three, excepting indium, R represents each independently one or more substituent groups and/or substituent atoms, and X represents a halogen atom.

- 10. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the M1 is selected form the group consisting of a metal atom of the 3A group and 3B group on the periodic table.
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the M1 is selected form the group consisting of scandium, yttrium, aluminum, gallium, indium and thallium.
 - 12. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the M1 is gallium or aluminum.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of Claims 8 to 12 Claim 8, wherein the phthalocyanine having an oxymetal(IV) represents the following formula:

wherein M2 represents a metal atom which is able to have a valence of four, R represents each independently one or more substituent groups and/or substituent atoms.

- 14. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the M2 is selected form the group consisting of a metal atom of the 4A to 7A groups, the 8 group and the 4B to 6B groups on the periodic table.
- 15. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the M2 is selected form the group consisting of titanium, vanadium and molybdenum.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 13, wherein wherein the M2 is titanium.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of Claims 8 to 16 Claim 8, further comprising the step of:

washing the reacted compound with aqueous ammonia.